

Town of Maynard
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
MEETING

Wednesday, October 24, 2007 -- Room 101, Town Hall

Chair Peg Brown called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Members Present: Jane Audrey-Neuhauser, clerk; Mike Chambers; Brendon Chetwynd;

Lou Ann Cutaia; Ariel Hoover; Dave Hull, Vice Chair; Doug Moore, Treasurer

Members Absent: none. The Board of Selectmen has appointed Rick Lefferts to replace Ann Walker. He will assume his position on Nov. 14.

Also in attendance: No visitors present

The minutes from the October 10, 2007 CPC meeting were approved. Peg will file the minutes in the COA office.

Current CPA Fund balance – Including the state match there is approximately \$56,000 in each of the 3 designated categories (Historical Preservation, Community Housing, and Open Space) and approximately \$289,000 in unallocated funds. There is also about \$15,000 in the administrative expense account. This does NOT include FY'08 tax revenues that could increase the amount by another \$160,000.

Review of Final Funding Proposals –

Peg asked if each proposal proponent had the final funding application. Applications have been made available to all.

Status of applications –

The following status changes to eligible proposals were reported:

CH001-08 and CH002-08 – Affordable Housing Plan --The proponents will get together to combine the initial proposals into one proposal for final funding.

HR001-08 – Coolidge School study/roof -- The School Committee will amend its proposal to cover only the cost of the building study (\$5–6,000).

HR002-08 – Veteran's Park – Cathy O'Dea is looking into previous TM funding.

HR003-08 – Cemetery Fence – Proposal WITHDRAWN. Fence is looking better now that it has been painted. This proposal will be resubmitted in another fiscal year.

REC002-08 – Crowe Park irrigation – requires BOS endorsement. BOS and the Dept. of Public Works have been contacted.

REC003-08 – Green Meadow irrigation – Proposal WITHDRAWN.

REC004-08 – Coolidge Community Park - requires School Committee and BOS endorsement. Jane reported that the proponents have received approval from both groups.

REC006-08 – Alumni Field Irrigation - Mark Masterson is continuing with the proposal, which may be modified.

Peg is adamant that proponents with questions bring them to the CPC meeting for major discussion. Email correspondence between members and proponents should be recorded.

There was a discussion about whether the Newton lawsuit alters the view of irrigation as an approved use of CPC funds. The CPC will ask town counsel for an opinion

MOTION by Brendon Chetwynd to authorize the expenditure of up to \$500 from the CPA administrative fund for Town Counsel to review whether irrigation is an allowed use of CPA funds. Motion passed 7 in favor, one against. Brendon will make the contact.

The current Town CPA web page needs to be updated and we should designate one CPC member to be the web contact person.

CPC spending philosophy for FY08

The CPC should begin to establish whether it wants to be a saving vs. spending committee as it looks to the future and future planning. Does the CPC refine the list of projects based upon what is available to be spent or based upon the relative merit of the proposals? Peg asked that the CPC members give some thought to our philosophy to discuss at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Audrey-Neuhauser, Clerk

NOVEMBER MEETINGS: 7:00pm, Wednesday, Nov.14 and Nov. 28, 2007 at the Town Building Room 101. (Dave to post meeting notices).